

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An expression vector comprising a cDNA of claim 18 operably linked to an expression control sequence.

4. (Original) A host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 3.

5.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a first component selected from the group consisting of physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants, and a second component consisting of a cDNA according to claim 18.

12.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A diagnostic kit comprising at least two oligonucleotide primers, wherein each said primers comprises a polynucleotide consisting of at least about 10 contiguous nucleotides of the cDNA accordingly to claim 18.

16.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) An isolated cDNA comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO: 302, or a degenerate variant thereof;
- (b) the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO: 303, or a degenerate variant thereof; and
- (c) the complement of the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:302 or SEQ ID NO:303.